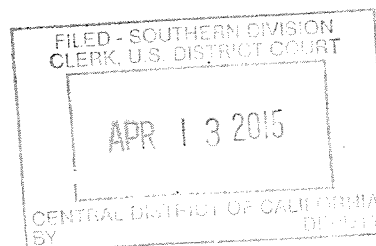


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19 Plaintiff,

20 v.

21 CHRISTOPHER HARATI,
22 a/k/a "Christopher Doyle"

23 Defendant.

24 No. CR 14-
SACR15-00041
25 PLEA AGREEMENT FOR DEFENDANT
26 CHRISTOPHER HARATI

27 1. This constitutes the plea agreement between CHRISTOPHER
28 HARATI ("defendant") and the United States Attorney's Office for the
Central District of California and the United States Department of
Justice Consumer Protection Branch ("these Offices") in the above-

1 captioned case. This agreement is limited to these Offices and
2 cannot bind any other federal, state, local, or foreign prosecuting,
3 enforcement, administrative, or regulatory authorities.

4 DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS

5 2. Defendant agrees to:

6 a) Give up the right to indictment by a grand jury and,
7 at the earliest opportunity requested by these Offices and provided
8 by the Court, appear in the Central District of California and plead
9 guilty to a one-count information in the form attached to this
10 agreement as Exhibit A or a substantially similar form, which
11 charges defendant with conspiracy in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

12 b) Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.

13 c) Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing
14 contained in this agreement.

15 d) Appear for all court appearances, surrender as
16 ordered for service of sentence, obey all conditions of any bond,
17 and obey any other ongoing court order in this matter.

18 e) Not commit any crime; however, offenses that would be
19 excluded for sentencing purposes under United States Sentencing
20 Guidelines ("U.S.S.G." or "Sentencing Guidelines") § 4A1.2(c) are
21 not within the scope of this agreement.

22 f) Be truthful at all times with Pretrial Services, the
23 United States Probation Office, and the Court.

24 g) Pay the applicable special assessments at or before
25 the time of sentencing unless defendant lacks the ability to pay and
26 prior to sentencing submits a completed financial statement on a
27 form to be provided by these Offices.

1 3. Defendant further agrees to cooperate fully with these
2 Offices, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and, as
3 directed by these Offices, any other federal, state, local, or
4 foreign prosecuting, enforcement, administrative, or regulatory
5 authority. This cooperation requires defendant to:

6 a) Respond truthfully and completely to all questions
7 that may be put to defendant, whether in interviews, before a grand
8 jury, or at any trial or other court proceeding.

9 b) Attend all meetings, grand jury sessions, trials or
10 other proceedings at which defendant's presence is requested by
11 these Offices or compelled by subpoena or court order.

12 c) Produce voluntarily all documents, records, or other
13 tangible evidence relating to matters about which these Offices, or
14 their designee, inquire.

15 4. For purposes of this agreement: (1) "Cooperation
16 Information" shall mean any statements made, or documents, records,
17 tangible evidence, or other information provided, by defendant
18 pursuant to defendant's cooperation under this agreement or pursuant
19 to the letter agreement previously entered into by the parties dated
20 May 27, 2014 (the "Letter Agreement"); and (2) "Plea Information"
21 shall mean any statements made by defendant, under oath, at the
22 guilty plea hearing and the agreed to factual basis statement in
23 this agreement.

24 5. If requested to do so by these Offices, defendant will act
25 in an undercover capacity to the best of defendant's ability in
26 connection with criminal investigations by federal, state, local, or
27 foreign law enforcement authorities, in accordance with the express
28 instructions of those law enforcement authorities. Defendant agrees

1 not to act in an undercover capacity, tape record any conversations,
2 or gather any evidence except after a request by these Offices and
3 in accordance with express instructions of federal, state, local, or
4 foreign law enforcement authorities.

5 THESE OFFICES' OBLIGATIONS

6 6. These Offices agree to:

7 a) Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.

8 b) Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing
9 contained in this agreement.

10 c) At the time of sentencing, provided that defendant
11 demonstrates an acceptance of responsibility for the offense up to
12 and including the time of sentencing, recommend a two-level
13 reduction in the applicable Sentencing Guidelines offense level,
14 pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1, and recommend and, if necessary, move
15 for an additional one-level reduction if available under that
16 section.

17 7. These Offices further agree:

18 a) Not to offer as evidence in its case-in-chief in the
19 above-captioned case or any other criminal prosecution that may be
20 brought against defendant by these Offices, or in connection with
21 any sentencing proceeding in any criminal case that may be brought
22 against defendant by these Offices, any Cooperation Information.
23 Defendant agrees, however, that these Offices may use both
24 Cooperation Information and Plea Information: (1) to obtain and
25 pursue leads to other evidence, which evidence may be used for any
26 purpose, including any criminal prosecution of defendant; (2) to
27 cross-examine defendant should defendant testify, or to rebut any
28 evidence offered, or argument or representation made, by defendant,

1 defendant's counsel, or a witness called by defendant in any trial,
2 sentencing hearing, or other court proceeding; and (3) in any
3 criminal prosecution of defendant for false statement, obstruction
4 of justice, or perjury.

5 b) Not to use Cooperation Information against defendant
6 at sentencing for the purpose of determining the applicable
7 guideline range, including the appropriateness of an upward
8 departure, or the sentence to be imposed, and to recommend to the
9 Court that Cooperation Information not be used in determining the
10 applicable guideline range or the sentence to be imposed. Defendant
11 understands, however, that Cooperation Information will be disclosed
12 to the probation office and the Court, and that the Court may use
13 Cooperation Information for the purposes set forth in U.S.S.G
14 § 1B1.8(b) and for determining the sentence to be imposed.

15 c) In connection with defendant's sentencing, to bring
16 to the Court's attention the nature and extent of defendant's
17 cooperation.

18 d) If these Offices determine, in their exclusive
19 judgment, that defendant has both complied with defendant's
20 obligations under paragraphs 2 and 3 above and provided substantial
21 assistance to law enforcement in the prosecution or investigation of
22 another ("substantial assistance"), to move the Court pursuant to
23 U.S.S.G. § 5K1.1 to fix an offense level and corresponding guideline
24 range below that otherwise dictated by the sentencing guidelines,
25 and to recommend a term of imprisonment within this reduced range.

26 DEFENDANT'S UNDERSTANDINGS REGARDING COOPERATION

27 8. Defendant understands the following:
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1 a) Any knowingly false or misleading statement by
2 defendant will subject defendant to prosecution for false statement,
3 obstruction of justice, and perjury and will constitute a breach by
4 defendant of this agreement.

b) Nothing in this agreement requires these Offices or any other prosecuting, enforcement, administrative, or regulatory authority to accept any cooperation or assistance that defendant may offer, or to use it in any particular way.

9 c) Defendant cannot withdraw defendant's guilty plea if
10 these Offices do not make a motion pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 5K1.1 for
11 a reduced guideline range or if these Offices make such a motion and
12 the Court does not grant it or if the Court grants such a motion by
13 these Offices but elects to sentence above the reduced range.

14 d) At this time these Offices make no agreement or
15 representation as to whether any cooperation that defendant has
16 provided or intends to provide constitutes or will constitute
17 substantial assistance. The decision whether defendant has provided
18 substantial assistance will rest solely within the exclusive
19 judgment of these Offices.

e) These 'Offices' determination whether defendant has provided substantial assistance will not depend in any way on whether the government prevails at any trial or court hearing in which defendant testifies or in which the government otherwise presents information resulting from defendant's cooperation.

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE

26 9. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of
27 the crime charged in count 1, that is, Conspiracy, in violation of

1 Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, the following must be
2 true:

3 a) First, there was an agreement between two or more
4 persons to commit the crime alleged in the information, namely: wire
5 fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

6 b) Second, defendant joined the conspiracy knowing its
7 object and intending to help accomplish it; and

8 c) Third, one of the members of the conspiracy performed
9 at least one overt act for the purpose of carrying out the
10 conspiracy.

11 10. The conspiracy to which defendant has agreed to plead
12 guilty involves an agreement to commit the substantive offense of
13 wire fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1343).

14 PENALTIES AND RESTITUTION

15 11. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence
16 that the Court can impose for a violation of Title 18, United States
17 Code, Section 371, is: 5 years imprisonment; a 3-year period of
18 supervised release; a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or
19 gross loss resulting from the offense, whichever is greatest; and a
20 mandatory special assessment of \$100.

21 12. Defendant understands that supervised release is a period
22 of time following imprisonment during which defendant will be
23 subject to various restrictions and requirements. Defendant
24 understands that if defendant violates one or more of the conditions
25 of any supervised release imposed, defendant may be returned to
26 prison for all or part of the term of supervised release authorized
27 by statute for the offense that resulted in the term of supervised
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1 release, which could result in defendant serving a total term of
2 imprisonment greater than the statutory maximum stated above.

3 13. Defendant understands that defendant will be required to
4 pay full restitution to the victims of the offense to which
5 defendant is pleading guilty. The parties currently believe that
6 the applicable amount of restitution is approximately \$431,000, but
7 recognize and agree that this amount could change based on facts
8 that come to the attention of the parties prior to sentencing.

9 14. Defendant understands that, by pleading guilty, defendant
10 may be giving up valuable government benefits and valuable civic
11 rights, such as the right to vote, the right to possess a firearm,
12 the right to hold office, and the right to serve on a jury.
13 Defendant understands that once the court accepts defendant's guilty
14 plea, it will be a federal felony for defendant to possess a firearm
15 or ammunition. Defendant understands that the conviction in this
16 case may also subject defendant to various other collateral
17 consequences, including but not limited to revocation of probation,
18 parole, or supervised release in another case and suspension or
19 revocation of a professional license. Defendant understands that
20 unanticipated collateral consequences will not serve as grounds to
21 withdraw defendant's guilty plea.

22 15. Defendant understands that, if defendant is not a United
23 States citizen, the felony conviction in this case may subject
24 defendant to: removal, also known as deportation, which may, under
25 some circumstances, be mandatory; denial of citizenship; and denial
26 of admission to the United States in the future. The court cannot,
27 and defendant's attorney also may not be able to, advise defendant
28 fully regarding the immigration consequences of the felony

1 conviction in this case. Defendant understands that unexpected
2 immigration consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw
3 defendant's guilty plea.

4 FACTUAL BASIS

5 16. Defendant admits that defendant is, in fact, guilty of the
6 offense to which defendant is agreeing to plead guilty. Defendant
7 and these Offices agree to the statement of facts provided below and
8 agree that this statement of facts is sufficient to support a plea
9 of guilty to the charge described in this agreement and to establish
10 the Sentencing Guidelines factors set forth in paragraph 18 below
11 but is not meant to be a complete recitation of all facts relevant
12 to the underlying criminal conduct or all facts known to either
13 party that relate to that conduct.

14 *From in or around February 2010 through in or around*
15 *September 2012, Jeremy Nelson together with others working for*
16 *Nelson's two Orange County, California, companies -- Nelson*
17 *Gamble and Associates ("Nelson Gamble"), and its successor,*
18 *Jackson Hunter Morris and Knight ("Jackson Hunter") -- devised*
19 *and knowingly participated in a scheme to defraud consumers by*
20 *purporting to sell debt relief services. Sales representatives*
21 *at the companies told consumers with unsecured debts --*
22 *primarily, credit card debts -- that consumers could make*
23 *payments to the companies rather than to creditors, and that*
24 *the companies would then use that money to negotiate*
25 *settlements of the consumers' debts for approximately fifty*
26 *percent of the total debt amount.*

27 *Defendant began work at Nelson Gamble in or around*
28 *November 2010. In calls with potential clients, defendant's*

1 co-conspirators held out Nelson Gamble as a law firm or as
2 having attorneys working on its behalf. Defendant's co-
3 conspirators also told customers, at times, that the company
4 did not charge up-front fees. Consumers were told that aside
5 from a small initial fee of approximately \$200, payments made
6 to their escrow accounts would be used for debt settlements.
7 These representations were not true. No attorneys worked on
8 behalf of Nelson Gamble, and the business withdrew from client
9 escrow accounts up-front fees of fifteen percent of the total
10 unsecured debt. These misrepresentations and omissions were
11 material and induced consumers to pay money into the Nelson
12 Gamble debt relief program.

13 In or around October 2011, defendant's co-conspirators
14 changed the name of the company from Nelson Gamble to Jackson
15 Hunter. The business operations remained the same. Sales
16 representatives continued to make the same misrepresentations
17 in pitches to potential customers. In addition, Harati and his
18 co-conspirators told existing customers that Nelson Gamble had
19 gone bankrupt and Jackson Hunter had taken over Nelson Gamble's
20 client accounts. In handling customer complaints following the
21 name change, Harati and his co-conspirators blamed problems on
22 the supposedly defunct Nelson Gamble and denied requests for
23 refunds of monies paid to Nelson Gamble. Harati and his co-
24 conspirators did not tell customers that Nelson Gamble and
25 Jackson Hunter were essentially the same company with the same
26 owner, under the same management, with many of the same
27 personnel, and occupying the same office space. All of these
28 misrepresentations were material and induced consumers to make

1 *payments to Jackson Hunter or refrain from pursuing refund*
2 *requests.*

3 *By no later than October 2011, Harati was aware of the*
4 *scope of the conspiracy and actively participated in it. He*
5 *continued to actively participate in the conspiracy until in or*
6 *around late January 2012, when he left Jackson Hunter. Among*
7 *other duties at the company, defendant handled "escalated"*
8 *customer relations calls by making misrepresentations designed*
9 *to convince customers to continue paying money. In furtherance*
10 *of the conspiracy and in concert and agreement with his co-*
11 *conspirators, defendant told customers, at various times*
12 *between October 2011 and January 2012, that Nelson Gamble and*
13 *Jackson Hunter were two unrelated businesses; that Jackson*
14 *Hunter was a nationwide law firm; that individuals named*
15 *Jackson, Hunter, Morris, and Knight were the partners of the*
16 *law firm; and that Jackson Hunter had been in business for*
17 *years with a track record of success. Defendant knew these*
18 *representations were false at the time he made them. These*
19 *misrepresentations were material in that they were intended to*
20 *and had a natural tendency to lull customers into believing*
21 *that Jackson Hunter was a separate and more reputable company*
22 *than Nelson Gamble, and that customers should continue using*
23 *Jackson Hunter to settle their debts.*

24 *As to Count 1 of the Information and in furtherance of the*
25 *conspiracy, on or about October 27, 2011, defendant spoke by*
26 *telephone from Orange County with victim S.D. in Ohio. In that*
27 *call, defendant told S.D., a Nelson Gamble customer, that*
28 *Jackson Hunter was a large law firm with capital reserves and*

1 years of experience, that individuals named Jackson, Hunter,
2 Morris, and Knight were partners in the law firm, and that
3 Jackson Hunter could not refund money paid to Nelson Gamble.

4 Defendant's actions in furtherance of the conspiracy
5 contributed to more than \$400,000 in losses to more than 250
6 victims.

7 SENTENCING FACTORS

8 17. Defendant understands that in determining defendant's
9 sentence the Court is required to calculate the applicable
10 Sentencing Guidelines range and to consider that range, possible
11 departures under the Sentencing Guidelines, and the other sentencing
12 factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant understands
13 that the Sentencing Guidelines are advisory only, that defendant
14 cannot have any expectation of receiving a sentence within the
15 calculated Sentencing Guidelines range, and that after considering
16 the Sentencing Guidelines and the other § 3553(a) factors, the Court
17 will be free to exercise its discretion to impose any sentence it
18 finds appropriate up to the maximum set by statute for the crime[s]
19 of conviction.

20 18. Defendant and these Offices agree to the following
21 applicable Sentencing Guidelines factors:

22 a) The applicable Guidelines section for the offense of
23 conviction is U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1, which provides for a base offense
24 level of 6;

25 b) The relevant amount of actual, probable or intended
26 loss under U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(1)(H) resulting from the offense
27 committed is more than \$400,000 but less than \$1,000,000, resulting
28 in an offense level increase of 14;

1 c) There were more than 250 victims of defendant's
2 offense, resulting in an increase of 6 offense levels under U.S.S.G.
3 § 2B1.1 (b) (2) (C); and

4 d) Neither the aggravating role enhancement under
5 U.S.S.G. § 3B1.1 nor the mitigating role reduction under U.S.S.G. §
6 3B1.2 apply.

7 Defendant and these Offices reserve the right to argue
8 that additional specific offense characteristics, adjustments, and
9 departures under the Sentencing Guidelines are appropriate.

10 19. Defendant understands that there is no agreement as to
11 defendant's criminal history or criminal history category.

12 20. Defendant and these Offices reserve the right to argue for
13 a sentence outside the sentencing range established by the
14 Sentencing Guidelines based on the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C.
15 § 3553(a) (1), (a) (2), (a) (3), (a) (6), and (a) (7).

16 WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

17 21. Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant
18 gives up the following rights:

19 a) The right to persist in a plea of not guilty.

20 b) The right to a speedy and public trial by jury.

21 c) The right to be represented by counsel - and if
22 necessary have the court appoint counsel - at trial. Defendant
23 understands, however, that defendant retains the right to be
24 represented by counsel - and if necessary have the court appoint
25 counsel - at every other stage of the proceeding.

26 d) The right to be presumed innocent and to have the
27 burden of proof placed on the government to prove defendant guilty
28 beyond a reasonable doubt.

1 e) The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses
2 against defendant.

3 f) The right to testify and to present evidence in
4 opposition to the charges, including the right to compel the
5 attendance of witnesses to testify.

6 g) The right not to be compelled to testify, and, if
7 defendant chose not to testify or present evidence, to have that
8 choice not be used against defendant.

9 h) Any and all rights to pursue any affirmative
10 defenses, Fourth Amendment or Fifth Amendment claims, and other
11 pretrial motions that have been filed or could be filed.

12 WAIVER OF APPEAL OF CONVICTION

13 22. Defendant understands that, with the exception of an
14 appeal based on a claim that defendant's guilty plea was
15 involuntary, by pleading guilty defendant is waiving and giving up
16 any right to appeal defendant's conviction on the offense to which
17 defendant is pleading guilty.

18 LIMITED MUTUAL WAIVER OF APPEAL OF SENTENCE

19 23. Defendant agrees that defendant gives up the right to
20 appeal all of the following: (a) the procedures and calculations
21 used to determine and impose any portion of the sentence; (b) the
22 term of imprisonment imposed by the Court; (c) the order of
23 restitution entered by the court; (d) the fine imposed by the court,
24 provided it is within the statutory maximum; (e) the term of
25 probation or supervised release imposed by the Court, provided it is
26 within the statutory maximum; and (f) any of the following
27 conditions of probation or supervised release imposed by the Court:
28 the conditions set forth in General Orders 318, 01-05, and/or 05-02

1 of this Court; the drug testing conditions mandated by 18 U.S.C.
2 §§ 3563(a)(5) and 3583(d); and a condition barring defendant from
3 engaging in, or assisting in, the operation of any business that
4 involves sales of products or services by telephone.

5 24. Defendant also gives up any right to bring a post-
6 conviction collateral attack on the conviction or sentence,
7 including any order of restitution, except a post-conviction
8 collateral attack based on a claim of ineffective assistance of
9 counsel, a claim of newly discovered evidence, or an explicitly
10 retroactive change in the applicable Sentencing guidelines,
11 sentencing statutes, or statutes of conviction.

12 25. These Offices agree that, provided (a) all portions of the
13 sentence are at or below the statutory maximum specified above and
14 (b) the Court imposes a term of imprisonment of no less than 46
15 months, these Offices give up its right to appeal any portion of the
16 sentence, with the exception that these Offices reserve the right to
17 appeal the amount of restitution ordered if that amount is less than
18 \$431,000.

19 RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF GUILTY PLEA

20 26. Defendant agrees that if, after entering a guilty plea
21 pursuant to this agreement, defendant seeks to withdraw and succeeds
22 in withdrawing defendant's guilty plea on any basis other than a
23 claim and finding that entry into this plea agreement was
24 involuntary, then (a) these Offices will be relieved of all of their
25 obligations under this agreement, including in particular its
26 obligations regarding the use of Cooperation Information; (b) in any
27 investigation, criminal prosecution, or civil, administrative, or
28 regulatory action, defendant agrees that any Cooperation Information

1 and any evidence derived from any Cooperation Information shall be
2 admissible against defendant, and defendant will not assert, and
3 hereby waives and gives up, any claim under the United States
4 Constitution, any statute, or any federal rule, that any Cooperation
5 Information or any evidence derived from any Cooperation Information
6 should be suppressed or is inadmissible; and (c) should these
7 Offices choose to pursue any charge that was either dismissed or not
8 filed as a result of this agreement, then (i) any applicable statute
9 of limitations will be tolled between the date of defendant's
10 signing of this agreement and the filing commencing any such action;
11 and (ii) defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the
12 statute of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any
13 speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the
14 extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's
15 signing this agreement.

16 EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

17 27. This agreement is effective upon signature and execution
18 of all required certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, an
19 Assistant United States Attorney, and an attorney for the Department
20 of Justice, Consumer Protection Branch.

21 BREACH OF AGREEMENT

22 28. Defendant agrees that if defendant, at any time after the
23 signature of this agreement and execution of all required
24 certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, an Assistant
25 United States Attorney, and an attorney for the Department of
26 Justice, Consumer Protection Branch, knowingly violates or fails to
27 perform any of defendant's obligations under this agreement ("a
28 breach"), these Offices may declare this agreement breached. For

1 example, if defendant knowingly, in an interview, before a grand
2 jury, or at trial, falsely accuses another person of criminal
3 conduct or falsely minimizes defendant's own role, or the role of
4 another, in criminal conduct, defendant will have breached this
5 agreement. All of defendant's obligations are material, a single
6 breach of this agreement is sufficient for these Offices to declare
7 a breach, and defendant shall not be deemed to have cured a breach
8 without the express agreement of these Offices in writing. If these
9 Offices declare this agreement breached, and the Court finds such a
10 breach to have occurred, then:

11 a) If defendant has previously entered a guilty plea
12 pursuant to this agreement, defendant will not be able to withdraw
13 the guilty plea.

14 b) These Offices will be relieved of all obligations
15 under this agreement; in particular, these Offices: (i) will no
16 longer be bound by any agreements concerning sentencing and will be
17 free to seek any sentence up to the statutory maximum for the crime
18 to which defendant has pleaded guilty; and (ii) will no longer be
19 bound by any agreement regarding the use of Cooperation Information
20 and will be free to use any Cooperation Information in any way in
21 any investigation, criminal prosecution, or civil, administrative,
22 or regulatory action.

23 c) These Offices will be free to criminally prosecute
24 defendant for false statement, obstruction of justice, and perjury
25 based on any knowingly false or misleading statement by defendant.

26 d) In any investigation, criminal prosecution, or civil,
27 administrative, or regulatory action: (i) defendant will not assert,
28 and hereby waives and gives up, any claim that any Cooperation

1 Information was obtained in violation of the Fifth Amendment
2 privilege against compelled self-incrimination; and (ii) defendant
3 agrees that any Cooperation Information and any Plea Information, as
4 well as any evidence derived from any Cooperation Information or any
5 Plea Information, shall be admissible against defendant, and
6 defendant will not assert, and hereby waives and gives up, any claim
7 under the United States Constitution, any statute, Rule 410 of the
8 Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of
9 Criminal Procedure; or any other federal rule, that any Cooperation
10 Information, any Plea Information, or any evidence derived from any
11 Cooperation Information or any Plea Information should be suppressed
12 or is inadmissible.

13 COURT AND PROBATION OFFICE NOT PARTIES

14 29. Defendant understands that the Court and the United States
15 Probation Office are not parties to this agreement and need not
16 accept any of these Offices' sentencing recommendations or the
17 parties' agreements to facts or sentencing factors.

18 30. Defendant understands that both defendant and these
19 Offices are free to: (a) supplement the facts by supplying relevant
20 information to the United States Probation Office and the Court,
21 (b) correct any and all factual misstatements relating to the
22 Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and determination of
23 sentence, and (c) argue on appeal and collateral review that the
24 Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and the sentence it
25 chooses to impose are not error, although each party agrees to
26 maintain its view that the calculations in paragraph 18 are
27 consistent with the facts of this case. While this paragraph
28 permits both these Offices and defendant to submit full and complete

1 factual information to the United States Probation Office and the
2 Court, even if that factual information may be viewed as
3 inconsistent with the facts agreed to in this agreement, this
4 paragraph does not affect defendant's and these Offices' obligations
5 not to contest the facts agreed to in this agreement.

6 31. Defendant understands that even if the Court ignores any
7 sentencing recommendation, finds facts or reaches conclusions
8 different from those agreed to, and/or imposes any sentence up to
9 the maximum established by statute, defendant cannot, for that
10 reason, withdraw defendant's guilty plea, and defendant will remain
11 bound to fulfill all defendant's obligations under this agreement.
12 Defendant understands that no one - not the prosecutor, defendant's
13 attorney, or the Court - can make a binding prediction or promise
14 regarding the sentence defendant will receive, except that it will
15 be within the statutory maximum.

16 NO ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

17 32. Defendant understands that, except as set forth herein,
18 there are no promises, understandings, or agreements between these
19 Offices and defendant or defendant's attorney, and that no
20 additional promise, understanding, or agreement may be entered into
21 unless in a writing signed by all parties or on the record in court.

22 PLEA AGREEMENT PART OF THE GUILTY PLEA HEARING

23 33. The parties agree that this agreement will be considered
24 part of the record of defendant's guilty plea hearing as if the
25 entire agreement had been read into the record of the proceeding.


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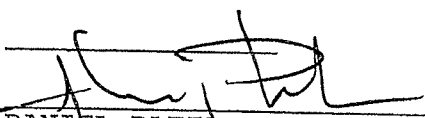
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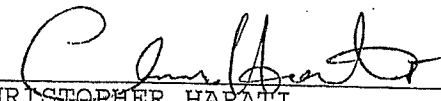
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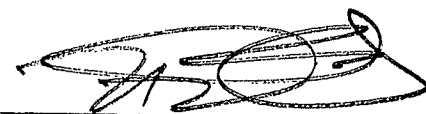
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18 Attorney for Defendant
19 CHRISTOPHER HARATI

Date 7-1-14

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21 CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT

22 I have read this agreement in its entirety. I have had enough
23 time to review and consider this agreement, and I have carefully and
24 thoroughly discussed every part of it with my attorney. I
25 understand the terms of this agreement, and I voluntarily agree to
26 those terms. I have discussed the evidence with my attorney, and my
27 attorney has advised me of my rights, of possible pretrial motions
28 that might be filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted

1 either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in
 2 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions,
 3 and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. No
 4 promises, inducements, or representations of any kind have been made
 5 to me other than those contained in this agreement. No one has
 6 threatened or forced me in any way to enter into this agreement. I
 7 am satisfied with the representation of my attorney in this matter,
 8 and I am pleading guilty because I am guilty of the charges and wish
 9 to take advantage of the promises set forth in this agreement, and
 10 not for any other reason.


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 13 CHRISTOPHER HARATI
 Defendant

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 16 CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

17 I am CHRISTOPHER HARATI's attorney. I have carefully and
 18 thoroughly discussed every part of this agreement with my client.
 19 Further, I have fully advised my client of his [her] rights, of
 20 possible pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses
 21 that might be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the
 22 sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant
 23 Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of
 24 entering into this agreement. To my knowledge: no promises,
 25 inducements, or representations of any kind have been made to my
 26 client other than those contained in this agreement; no one has
 27 threatened or forced my client in any way to enter into this
 28 agreement; my client's decision to enter into this agreement is an

1 informed and voluntary one; and the factual basis set forth in this
2 agreement is sufficient to support my client's entry of a guilty
3 plea pursuant to this agreement.

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6 H. DEAN STEWARD
7 Attorney for Defendant
CHRISTOPHER HARATI

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